

Reshaping Data

Setup

We need to import pandas and read in the long-format data to get started:

```
import pandas as pd
long_df = pd.read_csv(
    '/content/long_data.csv',
    usecols=['date', 'datatype', 'value']
).rename(
    columns={
        'value' : 'temp_C'
    }
).assign(
    date=lambda x: pd.to_datetime(x.date),
    temp_F=lambda x: (x.temp_C * 9/5) + 32
)
long_df.head()
```

	datatype	date	temp_C	temp_F
0	TMAX	2018-10-01	21.1	69.98
1	TMIN	2018-10-01	8.9	48.02
2	TOBS	2018-10-01	13.9	57.02
3	TMAX	2018-10-02	23.9	75.02
4	TMIN	2018-10-02	13.9	57.02

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Transposing

Transposing swaps the rows and the columns. We use the T attribute to do so:

```
long_df.head().T
```

	0	1	2	3	4
datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	TMAX	TMIN
date	2018-10-01 00:00:00	2018-10-01 00:00:00	2018-10-01 00:00:00	2018-10-02 00:00:00	2018-10-02 00:00:00
temp_C	21.1	8.9	13.9	23.9	13.9
temp_F	69.98	48.02	57.02	75.02	57.02

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Pivoting

Going from long to wide format.

`pivot()`

We can restructure our data by picking a column to go in the index (`index`), a column whose unique values will become column names (`columns`), and the values to place in those columns (`values`). The `pivot()` method can be used when we don't need to perform any aggregation in addition to our restructuring (when our index is unique); if this is not the case, we need the `pivot_table()` method which we will cover in future modules.

```
pivoted_df = long_df.pivot(
    index='date', columns='datatype', values='temp_C'
)
pivoted_df.head()
```

datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS
date			
2018-10-01	21.1	8.9	13.9
2018-10-02	23.9	13.9	17.2
2018-10-03	25.0	15.6	16.1
2018-10-04	22.8	11.7	11.7
2018-10-05	23.3	11.7	18.9

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```
pivoted_df = long_df.pivot(
    index='date', columns='datatype', values='temp_F'
)
pivoted_df.head()
```

datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS
date			
2018-10-01	69.98	48.02	57.02
2018-10-02	75.02	57.02	62.96
2018-10-03	77.00	60.08	60.98
2018-10-04	73.04	53.06	53.06
2018-10-05	73.94	53.06	66.02

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Note there is also the `pd.pivot()` function which yields equivalent results:

```
pd.pivot(
    data=long_df, index='date', columns='datatype', values='temp_C'
).head()
```

datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS
date			
2018-10-01	21.1	8.9	13.9
2018-10-02	23.9	13.9	17.2
2018-10-03	25.0	15.6	16.1
2018-10-04	22.8	11.7	11.7
2018-10-05	23.3	11.7	18.9

```
pd.pivot(
    data=long_df, index='date', columns='datatype', values='temp_F'
).head()
```

datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS
date			
2018-10-01	69.98	48.02	57.02
2018-10-02	75.02	57.02	62.96
2018-10-03	77.00	60.08	60.98
2018-10-04	73.04	53.06	53.06
2018-10-05	73.94	53.06	66.02

Now that the data is pivoted, we have wide-format data that we can grab summary statistics with:

```
pivoted_df.describe()
```

datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS
count	31.000000	31.000000	31.000000
mean	62.292258	45.610323	50.040645
std	10.286932	11.723854	11.873790
min	46.040000	30.020000	30.020000
25%	54.950000	36.500000	41.990000
50%	60.980000	44.060000	46.940000
75%	71.510000	56.480000	60.980000
max	80.060000	64.040000	71.060000

We can also provide multiple values to pivot on, which will result in a hierarchical index:

```
pivoted_df = long_df.pivot(
    index='date', columns='datatype', values=['temp_C', 'temp_F']
)
pivoted_df.head()
```

	temp_C			temp_F			
datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	
date							
2018-10-01	21.1	8.9	13.9	69.98	48.02	57.02	
2018-10-02	23.9	13.9	17.2	75.02	57.02	62.96	
2018-10-03	25.0	15.6	16.1	77.00	60.08	60.98	
2018-10-04	22.8	11.7	11.7	73.04	53.06	53.06	
2018-10-05	23.3	11.7	18.9	73.94	53.06	66.02	

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With the hierarchical index, if we want to select TMIN in Fahrenheit, we will first need to select 'temp_F' and then 'TMIN' :

```
pivoted_df['temp_F']['TMIN'].head()
```

```
date
2018-10-01    48.02
2018-10-02    57.02
2018-10-03    60.08
2018-10-04    53.06
2018-10-05    53.06
Name: TMIN, dtype: float64
```

```
pivoted_df['temp_C']['TMIN'].head()
```

```
date
2018-10-01     8.9
2018-10-02    13.9
2018-10-03    15.6
2018-10-04    11.7
2018-10-05    11.7
Name: TMIN, dtype: float64
```

✕ unstack()

We have been working with a single index throughout this chapter; however, we can create an index from any number of columns with `set_index()` . This gives us a MultiIndex where the outermost level corresponds to the first element in the list provided to `set_index()` :

```
multi_index_df = long_df.set_index(['date', 'datatype'])
multi_index_df.index
```

```
( '2018-10-17', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-18', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-18', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-18', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-19', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-19', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-19', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-20', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-20', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-20', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-21', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-21', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-21', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-22', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-22', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-22', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-23', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-23', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-23', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-24', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-24', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-24', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-25', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-25', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-25', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-26', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-26', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-26', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-27', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-27', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-27', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-28', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-28', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-28', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-29', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-29', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-29', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-30', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-30', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-30', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-31', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-31', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-31', 'TOBS' )],
names=[ 'date', 'datatype' ])
```

Notice there are now 2 index sections of the dataframe:

```
multi_index_df.head()
```

		temp_C	temp_F
2018-10-01	TMAX	21.1	69.98
	TMIN	8.9	48.02
	TOBS	13.9	57.02
2018-10-02	TMAX	23.9	75.02
	TMIN	13.9	57.02

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With the MultiIndex, we can no longer use `pivot()`. We must now use `unstack()`, which by default moves the innermost index onto the columns:

```
unstacked_df = multi_index_df.unstack()
unstacked_df.head()
```

	temp_C			temp_F			
datatype	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	
date							
2018-10-01	21.1	8.9	13.9	69.98	48.02	57.02	
2018-10-02	23.9	13.9	17.2	75.02	57.02	62.96	
2018-10-03	25.0	15.6	16.1	77.00	60.08	60.98	
2018-10-04	22.8	11.7	11.7	73.04	53.06	53.06	
2018-10-05	23.3	11.7	18.9	73.94	53.06	66.02	

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The `unstack()` method also provides the `fill_value` parameter, which let's us fill-in any NaN values that might arise from this restructuring of the data. Consider the case that we have data for the average temperature on October 1, 2018, but no other date:

```
extra_data = long_df.append(
    [{'datatype': 'TAVG', 'date': '2018-10-01', 'temp_C': 10, 'temp_F': 50}]
).set_index(['date', 'datatype']).sort_index()
extra_data.head(8)
```

```
<ipython-input-57-56b5f5065dec>:1: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated
extra_data = long_df.append(
<ipython-input-57-56b5f5065dec>:3: FutureWarning: Inferring datetime64[ns] from data co
).set_index(['date', 'datatype']).sort_index()
```

		temp_C	temp_F	
date	datatype			
2018-10-01	TAVG	10.0	50.00	
	TMAX	21.1	69.98	
	TMIN	8.9	48.02	
	TOBS	13.9	57.02	
2018-10-02	TMAX	23.9	75.02	
	TMIN	13.9	57.02	
	TOBS	17.2	62.96	
2018-10-03	TMAX	25.0	77.00	

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```
extra_data = long_df.append(
    [{'datatype': 'TAVG', 'date': '2018-10-01', 'temp_C': 10, 'temp_F': 40}]
).set_index(['date', 'datatype']).sort_index()
extra_data.head(5)
```

```
<ipython-input-42-6158029ea8f1>:1: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated
extra_data = long_df.append(
<ipython-input-42-6158029ea8f1>:3: FutureWarning: Inferring datetime64[ns] from data co
).set_index(['date', 'datatype']).sort_index()
```

		temp_C	temp_F	
	date	datatype		
	2018-10-01	TAVG	10.0	40.00
		TMAX	21.1	69.98
		TMIN	8.9	48.02
		TOBS	13.9	57.02
	2018-10-02	TMAX	23.9	75.02
		TMIN	13.9	57.02
		TOBS	17.2	62.96
	2018-10-03	TMAX	25.0	77.00

```
<ipython-input-43-d90b11df555e>:1: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated
extra_data = long_df.append(
<ipython-input-43-d90b11df555e>:3: FutureWarning: Inferring datetime64[ns] from data co
).set_index(['date', 'datatype']).sort_index()
```

		temp_C	temp_F	
	date	datatype		
	2018-10-01	TAVG	10.0	40.00
		TMAX	21.1	69.98
		TMIN	8.9	48.02
		TOBS	13.9	57.02
	2018-10-02	TMAX	23.9	75.02

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If we use `unstack()` in this case, we will have NaN for the TAVG columns every day but October 1, 2018:

```
extra_data.unstack().head()
```

		temp_C				temp_F				
	datatype	TAVG	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	TAVG	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	
	date									
	2018-10-01	10.0	21.1	8.9	13.9	50.0	69.98	48.02	57.02	
	2018-10-02	NaN	23.9	13.9	17.2	NaN	75.02	57.02	62.96	
	2018-10-03	NaN	25.0	15.6	16.1	NaN	77.00	60.08	60.98	
	2018-10-04	NaN	22.8	11.7	11.7	NaN	73.04	53.06	53.06	
	2018-10-05	NaN	23.3	11.7	18.9	NaN	73.94	53.06	66.02	

To address this, we can pass in an appropriate `fill_value`. However, we are restricted to passing in a value for this, not a strategy (like we saw with `fillna()`), so while -40 is definitely not the best value, we can use it to illustrate how this works, since this is the temperature at which Fahrenheit and Celsius are equal:

```
extra_data.unstack(fill_value=-40).head()
```

	temp_C				temp_F				
datatype	TAVG	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	TAVG	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	
date									
2018-10-01	10.0	21.1	8.9	13.9	50.0	69.98	48.02	57.02	
2018-10-02	-40.0	23.9	13.9	17.2	-40.0	75.02	57.02	62.96	
2018-10-03	-40.0	25.0	15.6	16.1	-40.0	77.00	60.08	60.98	
2018-10-04	-40.0	22.8	11.7	11.7	-40.0	73.04	53.06	53.06	
2018-10-05	-40.0	23.3	11.7	18.9	-40.0	73.94	53.06	66.02	



Melting

Going from wide to long format.

Setup

```
wide_df = pd.read_csv('/content/wide_data.csv')
wide_df.head()
```

	date	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS	
0	2018-10-01	21.1	8.9	13.9	
1	2018-10-02	23.9	13.9	17.2	
2	2018-10-03	25.0	15.6	16.1	
3	2018-10-04	22.8	11.7	11.7	
4	2018-10-05	23.3	11.7	18.9	



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melt()



In order to go from wide format to long format, we use the `melt()` method. We have to specify:

- which column contains the unique identifier for each row (`date` , here) to `id_vars`
- the column(s) that contain the values (`TMAX` , `TMIN` , and `TOBS` , here) to `value_vars`

Optionally, we can also provide:

- `value_name` : what to call the column that will contain all the values once melted
- `var_name` : what to call the column that will contain the names of the variables being measured




```
melted_df = wide_df.melt(
    id_vars='date',
    value_vars=['TMAX', 'TMIN', 'TOBS'],
    value_name='temp_C',
    var_name='measurement'
)
melted_df.head()
```

	date	measurement	temp_C	
0	2018-10-01	TMAX	21.1	
1	2018-10-02	TMAX	23.9	
2	2018-10-03	TMAX	25.0	
3	2018-10-04	TMAX	22.8	
4	2018-10-05	TMAX	23.3	

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Just as we also had `pd.pivot()` there is a `pd.melt()`:

```
pd.melt(
    wide_df,
    id_vars='date',
    value_vars=['TMAX', 'TMIN', 'TOBS'],
    value_name='temp_C',
    var_name='measurement'
).head()
```

	date	measurement	temp_C	
0	2018-10-01	TMAX	21.1	
1	2018-10-02	TMAX	23.9	
2	2018-10-03	TMAX	25.0	
3	2018-10-04	TMAX	22.8	
4	2018-10-05	TMAX	23.3	

✓ `stack()`

Another option is `stack()` which will pivot the columns of the dataframe into the innermost level of a MultiIndex . To illustrate this, let's set our index to be the date column:

```
wide_df.set_index('date', inplace=True)
wide_df.head()
```

	TMAX	TMIN	TOBS
date			
2018-10-01	21.1	8.9	13.9
2018-10-02	23.9	13.9	17.2
2018-10-03	25.0	15.6	16.1
2018-10-04	22.8	11.7	11.7
2018-10-05	23.3	11.7	18.9

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By running `stack()` now, we will create a second level in our index which will contain the column names of our dataframe (TMAX , TMIN , TOBS). This will leave us with a Series containing the values:

```
stacked_series = wide_df.stack()
stacked_series.head()
```

```
date
2018-10-01  TMAX    21.1
             TMIN     8.9
             TOBS    13.9
2018-10-02  TMAX    23.9
             TMIN    13.9
dtype: float64
```

We can use the `to_frame()` method on our Series object to turn it into a DataFrame . Since the series doesn't have a name at the moment, we will pass in the name as an argument:

```
stacked_df = stacked_series.to_frame('values')
stacked_df.head()
```

		values
date		
2018-10-01	TMAX	21.1
	TMIN	8.9
	TOBS	13.9
2018-10-02	TMAX	23.9
	TMIN	13.9

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Once again, we have a MultiIndex:

```
stacked_df.index
```

```
( '2018-10-15', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-15', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-16', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-16', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-16', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-17', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-17', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-17', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-18', 'TMAX' ),
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( '2018-10-26', 'TOBS' ),
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( '2018-10-29', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-29', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-30', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-30', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-30', 'TOBS' ),
( '2018-10-31', 'TMAX' ),
( '2018-10-31', 'TMIN' ),
( '2018-10-31', 'TOBS' )].
```